

Young People's Ministries
A Division of The General Board of Discipleship

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Grants for Ministries with Young People

Central Conference Applicants

Deadline: July 1st

Return application to:

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Purpose of Grants for Ministries with Young People

The funding opportunities we provide for ministries with young people are for creative, innovative approaches to ministries for, with, and by young people. The purpose of these grants is to fund dynamic, creative ministries with young people.

The possibilities for the future growth of our ministries for, with, and by young people are endless. But the time is now for every church, campus ministry, community, annual conference, and individual to see themselves as partners in this ministry. The only way to accomplish this task is for the Church, on all fronts, to unite behind this mission and share with young people everywhere the Good News of God's unconditional love in Christ.

The funds available through the grants for young people are designed to enable creative, life-transforming ministries with young people to take hold and begin to spread the fire and passion for this ministry throughout the denomination. Funded projects will address the causes of critical issues related to young people in their local context, with an eye toward how their work can have a broad impact on the priorities of The United Methodist Church in a broader context.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are local United Methodist churches in the United States and Central Conferences, including cooperative parishes and ecumenical shared ministries; Annual Conferences and Districts in the United States and Central Conferences; and other United Methodist entities, such as campus ministries, youth serving agencies, and so forth. Eligible applicants will also meet the following criteria.

- The project or program must be driven in design and implemented by young people (ages 12-30) within and outside the church.
- The project must have a strong biblical/theological foundation.
- The project/program must reflect a diversity of racial, gender, and class differences both in its leadership and in its desired impact within the Church and community.

Application Process

Applications must be **received by July 1st**. Applicants will submit their application to the Division on Ministries with Young People of the General Board of Discipleship. The Division will convene a Project Review Committee, comprised of youth, young adults, and adult workers with young people from the division's board of directors, general board and agency representatives, and staff, to review and discuss the applications that meet all of the criteria. The full division board will vote on a list of recommended projects with the final approval coming from the General Board of Discipleship's executive committee. Notifications will be sent in the fall with funding to begin in January.

Dollar Range of Grants

The dollar range of the grants is up to \$15,000. Funds may be used for, but are not limited to, program expenses, capital expenditures, and so forth. No more than 25% of the total grant amount shall be allocated for administrative expenses, including salaries, ensuring at least 75% for program expenses. Projects funded for one year must reapply for continued funding the following year in time to meet the annual application deadline.

Progress Reports

Each project receiving grant money from the division will be responsible for completing project reports, including financial reports and annotated evaluations. A schedule of progress reports will be included in your grant notification letters. **Failure to comply with this requirement will lead to termination of funding.**

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Please complete the following application and return by July 1st

Title of Project or Program

Name of Church, Conference or Organization Sponsoring Project

Amount requested (in US Dollars)

Address

City, Province/Region & Country

Phone & Fax Numbers (include country code)

E-Mail or URL Address

Annual Conference & Central Conference

Person Responsible: _____ Bishop _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ City _____

Province/Region/Country _____ Province/Region/Country _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Fax or Email _____ Fax or Email _____

What age will project providers be? _____

If different, what age are persons being served? _____

Signature of contact person _____ Date _____

Signature of annual conference bishop or local church pastor _____ Date _____

Signature of elected youth/young adult leader (local church) or
National youth/young adult leader (annual conference or regional) _____ Date _____

Please contact the Grants Coordinator at youngpeople@qbod.org with questions

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Grant Category

Grants will be reviewed according to one of the four categories: **justice/advocacy, discipleship & evangelism, global mission/outreach, and leadership development/ministry discernment.** Submit your grant under **one** of the following four categories.

- Justice/Advocacy** - reflects the vision of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS). The following criteria should be met when applying in this category: The program/project shall concretely empower young people in the ethical and spiritual interpretation, application and implementation of “The Social Principles” and General Conference statements articulated in the Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church. The proposal will communicate how members of a community impacted by the program/project are involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the program/project. The proposal shall list and describe existing assets in the community with which the program/project will seek to form long-term alliances. The proposal must demonstrate a connection between justice and mercy – ways in which root causes and sustainable solutions will be addressed through the program/project[†]. The project/ program will engage in at least one of the following activities to co-create just relationships.

Please check all that apply to your project or program

- Leadership Development:** relating national and global systemic/ structural issues of cultural, social, economic, political and environmental public policy concerns to methods for advocacy and organizing led and envisioned by young people, with particular attention to gender justice and racial justice.
- Public Policy Advocacy:** educating and advocating in the church and society on behalf of issues that have a direct impact on the lives of young people, such as substance abuse, violence, racism, labor, environment, sexuality, gender equity, technology and media, militarism and poverty.
- Connecting Justice with Mercy:** assisting and supporting young people as they make faithful connections between acts of mercy and systemic advocacy for justice in the local, national and global community.

Discipleship & Evangelism – reflects the vision of the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD). The following criteria should be met when applying in this category: The purpose of the GBOD is found within the expression of the total mission of the Church. Its primary purpose shall be to assist annual conferences, districts, and local churches of all membership sizes in their efforts to win persons to Jesus Christ as his disciples and to help these persons to grow in their understanding of God that they may respond in faith and love, to the end that they may know who they are and what their human situation means, increasingly identifying themselves as children of God and members of the Christian community, to live in the Spirit of God in every relationship, to fulfill their common discipleship in the world, and to abide in the Christian hope[†]. The project or program should focus on one or more of the following.

Please check all that apply to your project or program

- Develop and provide resources, training, and consultation** for one of the following:
 - Pastors of congregations. These resources will focus on equipping pastors for their spiritual and visioning leadership role with young people in their congregations and their role as partners with young people in ministry as laity.
 - Congregational leaders (including clergy and laity, young people and adults) as they enhance and evaluate the ministries of the laity and initiate new forms of ministry that nurture faith, build Christian community, and equip young people for ministry in daily life.
- Provide resources and training** that will assist one of the following:
 - Annual conference leaders in building, improving, and sustaining systems that support the development of young people as spiritual leaders for congregations.
 - Leaders of all ages in planning and administering comprehensive youth and young adult ministries that encourage lifelong learning and growth in faith, that strengthen understanding of God and relationship with God and other people, and that lead to spiritual maturity in faith and in practice. The resources and training should consider young people’s ministries in continuity with children’s, adult, and older-adult ministries.

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- Global Mission/Outreach** – reflects the vision of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). The purpose of GBGM is found within the expression of the total mission of the Church. It is a missional instrument of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences, and local congregations in the context of a global setting. Projects in the Global Mission/Outreach category will meet the following criteria: The project or program advocates the work for the unity of Christ's church through witness and service with other Christian churches and through ecumenical[†]. The project or program should focus on one or more of the following.

Please check all that apply to your project or program

- Leadership Development and Training
- Building, organizing, and strengthening youth-led/youth developed movements and networks within church, ecumenical, and non-governmental organizations
- Economic Development
- Conflict resolution and alternatives to violence
- Reintegration to society for refugees and other displaced people
- Young women and gender issues among young people

- Leadership Development/Ministry Discernment** – reflects the vision of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM); to give young people opportunities to live their faith through ministry to others—through outreach, in-service learning, and mission. The GBHEM exists, within the expression of the total mission of the church, for the specific purpose of preparing and assisting persons to fulfill their ministry in Christ in the several special ministries, ordained and diaconal; and to provide general oversight and care for campus ministries and institutions of higher education, including schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools[†]. Projects in the Leadership Development/Ministry Discernment category should engage in at least one of the following activities:

Please check all that apply to your project or program

- Prepare a New Generation of Christian Leaders: **Leadership Development**
 - Equip young people with the skills they need to be healthy, whole individuals who can provide leadership in the local church, the community, and the world.
 - Provide a safe environment where young people can share their hurts, pains, and anger for healing, reconciliation, and wholeness through mutual care, support, and acceptance in the presence of God.
 - Encourage young people to live out God's vision for themselves and others, with hope for a just and inclusive world.
 - Challenge young people to consider academic and administrative leadership for the Methodist-related institutions of higher education.
- Provide Young People With Opportunities for **Ministry Discernment**
 - Provide opportunities for young people to sense and discern God's call into the ordained ministry (deacon and elder) and learn about various ministry settings—local congregation, hospital/prison/military chaplain, university or college chaplain, campus minister, and so forth.
- Help Young People '**Connect Knowledge and Vital Piety**'
 - Provide young people with tools to evaluate, understand, and articulate a broad perspective about the faith—doctrines, ideology, witness, and so forth.

[†] *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2004*

Statement of Purpose - ★

Write a clear and concise purpose statement indicating the focus and vision for this project. In addition, include a response to the way the project fits the grant category's purpose and criteria. If awarded, this statement may be used to promote the ministry.

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Grant Application Questions

Please answer all questions. Include questions and responses on a separate sheet.

1. How have young people been involved in the planning and design of your project? How will they be involved in the ongoing leadership of your project?
2. Transformation is grounded in teaching, learning, leadership development, and spiritual formation. How does your project address these elements of transformation?
3. What are the biblical/theological foundations for your project?
4. What factors in the church, community or culture have led you to the creation of your project? What specific problems or issues are you seeking to address?
5. How will your project nurture young people in their faith journey?
6. How will your project enhance the overall ministry with young people in your church, community, and annual conference? What is your strategy for sharing learning and ministry design with other local churches, annual conferences, and United Methodist organizations across the connectional system?
7. How will you evaluate your project throughout its implementation? What standards and procedures will you use to determine the effectiveness of the project?
8. How does this project call, equip, and empower young people to be agents of transformation in the church and/or community?
9. How does your project demonstrate inclusiveness and cultural sensitivity in design and implementation?
10. Please list any additional funding sources you have been awarded or that are pending.

Additional Attachments

Please include the following items:

- Budget Narrative** for the project/program as well as a budget for the sponsoring organization. The budget must also include other sources of funding already secured and being sought after.
- Implementation Timetable** for various project components.
- A Statement of Support** from at least **two** young people involved in the development of this project.
- A Letter of Support** from your annual conference bishop
- Letters of Support** from at least **three** of the following:
 - o Conference Youth Staff
 - o Central Conference youth/young adult elected leadership
 - o Annual Conference youth/young adult elected leadership
 - o District/Local Church youth/young adult elected leadership
 - o Annual Conference Director of Connectional Ministries
 - o Local Church Pastor/District Superintendent
 - o Ecumenical partners
 - o Community partners
 - o Funding partners

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